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## City Council Handles Fall Agenda At Meeting that Lasts Very Late

by Thomas X. White

The agenda for the Greenbelt City Council's November 24 regular meeting was chock full of challenging issues and the chamber was filled to nearly standing room only. The entire council was present for the meeting which started promptly at 8 p.m. and adjourned nearly five hours later, close to 1 a.m. on November 25.

There were presentations, several petitions, the Greenbelt theater and one legislative item. Three additional agenda items were included on a consent agenda and were approved by virtue of council's approval of the overall agenda.

In addition there were several topics including recommendations for updating the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Management & Maintenance Guidelines, approval of the city's proposed State and County Legislative Program, and con-

sideration of a Four Cities Joint Resolution expressing support for the selection of the Greenbelt North Core site for the relocation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Councilmember Rodney Roberts, with the approval of council, added an additional item, proposing a topic to be considered by the Ethics Board, all of which will appear in a future issue.

### Presentations

Two presentations were on the agenda. One was the annual awards of the winners of the city's Recycle Right Awards program in honor of the America Recycles Day, celebrated on November 15. The Greenbelt neighborhood winners this year were randomly selected from a pool of homes that were noted for their correct recycling efforts and the good condition of their bins. In addition to the

award, the winners received prizes awarded by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, MOM's Organic Market and the College Park REI store.

This year's winners were announced by Luisa Robles, Sustainability Coordinator.

*Matt and Chris Beckley*

122 Northway

Monday City Route

*Nathan Caudill*

58-H Ridge Road

Tuesday City Route

*Jessi Britton*

6-C Crescent Road

Wednesday City Route

*Dorian Winterfeldt/*

*Amethyst Dwyer*

36-J Ridge Road

Thursday City Route

*Jeffrey and Beth Didion*

7853 Emily's Way

Contractual Route

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

## Festival Group Gives Thumbs Up For the First Sherwood Carnival

by Kathleen Gallagher

It was no surprise that the city council was especially eager to hear how the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival (GLDF) Committee thought everything went from August 29 to September 1 this year. Since 1954, Rosedale Attractions had brought its carnival midway – the rides, games and some of the food vendors – to Greenbelt for Labor Day weekend. GLDF Board President Linda Ivy learned about a year ago from owner Tom Gaylin that Rosedale would forsake Greenbelt to take on a nine-day gig in

Virginia starting this year.

In June, Ivy announced that Sherwood Amusements, Inc., of Baltimore County, a family company much like Rosedale, had been selected as the carnival operator for 2014. Because of the similarities between the two companies, Ivy was hopeful that the transition would be as painless as possible. Sherwood Amusements was founded only 10 years ago by Roger Sherwood, together with his wife and two sons. He has worked in the amusement industry since he was 12, pri-

marily doing electrical work and ride maintenance. (For more on Rosedale, the Gaylin family and the hiring of Sherwood, see articles in the January 30 and June 12 issues of this paper.)

The city council held a work-session with representatives of the festival committee on October 20. Ivy, her husband Kelly Ivy, who is the committee chair for entertainment, and Davina Johnson, an at-large board member who is committee chair for festival booths, represented the festival committee. Six of the seven councilmembers were present, as was City Manager Michael McLaughlin. Councilmember Judith Davis was out of town but had sent a list of questions, from which Ivy periodically read aloud. Although much of the meeting was devoted to discussing the new carnival provider, another focus was on the declining number of organizational booths and volunteers.

Mayor Emmett Jordan opened the meeting by complimenting the committee on its management of the event, which he described as a "huge undertaking" and the largest event of its kind in the state. He said, "It's amazing what you manage to do every year."

Jordan asked if the festival had broken even this year. Ivy said the committee would not know that until early in the new

See **FESTIVAL**, page 12

## American Education Week

In celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside The Turning Point Academy.

Organized by Lisa Zammuto, the series feature teachers or staff members at each school. David Lange, who originated the series, assisted.

## Independent Thinking Is Goal-one for Mitchem

by Charlie Hansler

Jennifer Mitchem, first grade teacher at Turning Point Academy Public Charter School makes developing her students into independent learners and bringing out their inner explorers her main mission as a teacher.

"The most important thing I found is letting the children be explorers. So I kind of give them the pathway and then fall back and let them explore while they're learning," she said.

Part of her philosophy of letting her students educate themselves is her use of centers as a method for children to learn.

Centers involve rotating students around the classroom, with each student stopping at a different spot where a specific lesson or aspect will be taught for the



Jennifer Mitchem

day. The students complete tasks at each spot unless they need help with something, in which case they go to Mitchem for help.

Mitchem's favorite things about teaching are to watch her students grow in their educational experience and to carefully track their progress.

"I like to see their growth. We use data a lot. I like to see how students change from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. I'll test them in reading and lots of them will be below grade level in the beginning of the year but by the end of the year they're saying things like 'Oh my gosh, I got to on or

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## Nadine Sayles Is Motivated By Student Epiphanies

by Charlie Hansler

Nadine Sayles, fourth grade teacher at Turning Point Academy Public Charter School in Greenbelt, says her greatest inspiration for being a teacher is having her students experience that 'aha!' moment.

When asked about her favorite part of teaching she said, "I think it's when the light bulb goes on. I think when the confusion starts I'm okay with it but when that 'aha!' moment hits and they say 'Ms. Sayles, I get it!' and that excitement starts to go around the room, that's my reason for teaching."

She guides her students to success through creativity and competition. "I try to make it a little competitive and hands-on. I think children tend to learn better when they are the teachers rather than me sitting and lecturing to them all day," she says.

She emphasizes how this does not discourage students or make them feel like they are not be-



Nadine Sayles

ing paid attention to but that they actually thrive on hearing and learning from each other.

She likes to practice a cooperative grouping style of teaching. "If you notice, in my classroom all the students are grouped in small groups. I believe in them teaching them-

selves and me just being the facilitator and clarifying if they have any problems," Sayles says.

Sayles' predominant academic passion is getting her students excited about math and science.

She is enthusiastic about the new Common Core math standards that allow her students to develop multiple ways to tackle the same math problem among other inventive measures.

"Math isn't just what you're learning in the classroom. This is what you're going to apply when you're adults in high

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### What Goes On

**Friday, December 5,**

**7 p.m.,** Tree Lighting, Community Center Lawn

**7 to 9 p.m.,** Museum Open House, 10-B Crescent Road

**Saturday, December 6**

**8 to 11 a.m.,** Pancake Breakfast with Santa, American Legion Post 136

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,** Art and Craft Fair, Community Center

**Sunday, December 7**

**10 to 2 p.m.,** Farmers Market, Roosevelt Center

**10 to 4 p.m.,** Art and Craft Fair, Community Center (see more details in the city ad on page 5)

**6 p.m.,** Tree Lighting at Greenbelt East, Greenbriar Community Building

**Monday, December 8**

**6:30 p.m.,** Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

**8 p.m.,** City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, December 10**

**7:30 p.m.,** Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Stay up-to-date on local events with the Community Calendar at [GreenbeltNewsReview.com/calendar](http://GreenbeltNewsReview.com/calendar).



# Letters to the Editor

## First Things First

On December 4, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors will vote on the Homes Improvement Program (HIP) proposal. They will determine what unfunded items should be mandated, and which would be a member’s choice. Later, the membership will vote on this package.

Now is the time to focus on issues that impact our structures, not on unnecessary work. Determine scope and cost of crawl space repairs before deciding on HIP’s supplemental insulation and bathroom fans.

When asked about the impact of additional costs on members, several board members said “this is not a charity” and “... it’s not about what an individual current member feels he or she may be able to afford for one unit; it’s about what all the homes, which we jointly own, need in order to be sound, comfortable, energy efficient and therefore attractive to future members.” Why the concern about future members over current? Why the rush on optional improvements when we have structural repairs that could be costly?

Those who talk about preserving our historic homes/community should remember that a founding principle of Greenbelt and our cooperative was affordability for low- and moderate-income people. I ask each of us to think about which of our neighbors we’d be willing to force from the co-op due to lack of money for unnecessary upgrades. The retiree? The person on disability? The neighbor living below the poverty line due to health problems? The person who lost their job and can’t find another to cover the bills? The single parent?

I urge members to attend the board meeting Thursday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the GHI office on Hamilton Place and express your views. You may also email or call board members. Contact information is at: [ghi.coop/content/current-board-members](http://ghi.coop/content/current-board-members). Sign the first-things-first petition at: [petitions.moveon.org/sign/greenbelt-homes-inc-ghi](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/greenbelt-homes-inc-ghi). Spread the word to your neighbors!

Cynthia J. Newcomer

## Thanks

Well-wishers for the Animals of the Greenbelt Shelter (WAGS) gives huge thanks for the phenomenal support received at our recent bake sale. Thanks so much to those who “Sponsored a Dog Bed” and to all who bought baked goods and donated generously. Additional thanks to the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket for allowing WAGS to use the entrance ramp for the bake sale and the animals of the Greenbelt Shelter say “Thank you!”

Michele Touchet

## Replacement Reserves

Since 1987, a portion of the fee GHI members pay each month goes into a replacement

reserves (RR) fund. The purpose of this fund is to save money for the future replacement of major components of our units and our common buildings. GHI hires a consultant every few years to study our RR to see that we are adequately saving for scheduled replacement activity. The last study was completed in 2013.

At the end of 2013 GHI’s RR fund balance was just shy of \$11 million. To complete the scheduled replacement of all components covered by RR between 2016 and 2025, including doors, windows and siding for the frame units, GHI anticipates expending \$38 million. You may ask how GHI will accomplish having enough money for these scheduled replacements. The RR study assumes GHI will earn 5 percent interest income on our RR fund balance each year. In addition, each member’s contribution toward the RR fund is scheduled to increase each year between 2015 and 2025. The portion of the monthly fee set aside for the RR fund is set to increase each year by 7.1 percent for frame units, 5.2 percent for masonry units and 4.2 percent for the larger homes each year.

GHI’s investments are not currently earning 5 percent per year in interest income. In 2013 interest income earned was 3.4 percent. As of the end of September, GHI’s interest income for 2014 was only 2.3 percent. With our investments earning less than expected, GHI may come up short with respect to RR funds allocated for the 10-year improvement project. If this occurs, either GHI’s member fees will need to be raised to cover the shortfall, the scheduled RR timeline will need to be extended or GHI will need to borrow money.

Other costs associated with running the co-op have gone up. GHI’s insurance costs have increased 108 percent over the past 10 years while our property taxes have increased by 84 percent. With GHI’s membership fees rising more sharply than many can afford and our investments not performing as anticipated, is this the time for GHI to be considering additional home improvements? Any supplemental home improvements will require GHI to borrow money and for members to pay back the loan through their monthly fees.

Separately, some serious issues were recently identified with respect to the crawl spaces. GHI staff has not yet identified the full extent of these issues or developed a plan for remediation. GHI does not anticipate completing the inspections of crawl spaces until April 2015. The cost of the remediation of crawl spaces is not known and currently not funded.

If you think it would be prudent for the GHI board to put the consideration of any additional home improvements on hold at this time, please attend the GHI board meeting on Thursday, December 4, and share your thoughts. It makes sense for the board to evaluate the costs associated with remediation of crawl

spaces and to revisit whether our RR funding is on track before recommending to the membership improvements which require borrowing money. Otherwise, we risk losing members who can no longer afford the rising costs associated with living in GHI.

Molly Lester

## Crawl Space Connection

I share the frustration, expressed in Leah Cohen’s letter in the November 27 issue of the Greenbelt News Review, about connecting GHI’s crawl space issues to the Homes Improvement Program (HIP). Where I take issue, however, is with her conclusion that HIP (which includes work covered by the Replacement Reserves and supplemental insulation and bathroom ventilation fans not covered by the Replacement Reserves) is substantially different from the maintenance of and repairs to our cooperative’s crawl spaces. Instead, I see several connections.

First, by dealing with moisture and other associated structural problems, these essential crawl space repairs will directly improve livability and member comfort in our homes and also preserve our structures – two of the stated goals of HIP!

Second, the costs of crawl space maintenance, Replacement Reserve work or unfunded supplemental insulation may appear in different GHI budget categories, but the costs of these programs are connected in one fundamental way – GHI members will ultimately pay for all of this work whether our monthly fees are increased to cover the crawl space remediation program, expected costs of Replacement Reserve activities or interest and principal charges to service a loan to pay for unfunded insulation or bath fans. Any way you slice it, we will pay for it.

Cohen raises important questions about who will perform the work and who is responsible for seeing that the work is done correctly. Although the members and volunteers of the board and the Buildings Committee have been involved in developing and testing HIP, volunteers will not be doing the actual construction and maintenance work. This work falls on GHI staff. Even if contractors perform some HIP work, staff will be required to supervise and inspect the contractors’ work. The same staff will also be involved in repairing the crawl spaces, which is likely to become an extensive and complex multi-year program.

The issues about the crawl spaces and HIP really come down to this: with a likely expensive program on the horizon to fix crawl space problems, we as a cooperative would be ill-advised to borrow additional money to pay for unfunded supplemental insulation and bathroom ventilation fans. Let’s concentrate on first things first – fixing the crawl spaces!

Anna Socrates

## Grin Belt



"'Tis the season of giving, not getting.  
And may your nutcracker keep cracking . . . ."

## UMD Repertoire Performs “Fiesta!”

The UMD Repertoire Orchestra presents “Fiesta!” on Sunday, December 7 at 4 p.m. in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts. Laura Kaufman, the third-prize winner in the 2013 UMSO Concerto competition, joins the orchestra to perform the Liebermann Flute Concerto. This concert is free.

## Montpelier Offers Holiday Tours

On Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13, 6 to 9 p.m. Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197) in Laurel offers holiday tours. Warm up winter evenings with festive music, lovely candlelight and traditional holiday greens. There is a nominal charge for admission. For more information visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com).

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**Editor's Note:** Letters concerning invasive English Ivy will be printed in the next issue.



# Community Events

## MakerSpace B'day Bash

The Greenbelt MakerSpace turns two this week! Please join us for a community birthday party this Friday, December 5, 7:30 to 9 pm. Over food and drinks (byob), we'll review some of our funnier failures and growing pains, celebrate our success and accomplishments while making plans for the new year.

Our MakerSpace is a non-profit, community activity center for all ages. Our youth programs include Little Makers, a craft activity club for Pre-K kids; FIRST LEGO League, a robotics STEM program for elementary students; and Destination Imagination, where youth teams experience the creative process from imagination to innovation.

Our programs for older kids and adults include classes and workshops on a wide variety of topics, from science and technology to traditional woodworking, arts and crafts. We have 20 laptops, a server farm, high speed Internet service to go with a lot of microelectronics, robotics gear and a new 3D printer.

Stop in to learn new, revive and improve old skills. If you're more of a thinker, join a special interest group such as our Banned Book Club, our new FauxBucks investment group, or our Just the Facts political science meeting. Visit makerspace125.org for details.

– George Boyce

## Deco the Halls Event At Greenbelt Museum

This Friday evening, December 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will open doors for the Deco the Halls holiday event. The historic house has a special glow at night with festive decorations and music. Children can make a gingerbread man ornament and play in the hands-on child's bedroom area, while parents sip hot cider and admire vintage holiday cards and jewelry. This event is free. For more details call 301-507-6582.

## Greenbelt East Tree To Be Lit Dec. 7

Greenbelt East Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on December 7 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Join us in singing carols, drinking hot chocolate and eating delicious cookies.

## Time Bank Holds Orientations

The Greenbelt Time Bank is training people to sign up and use the time bank at Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, December 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, December 6 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The Greenbelt Time Bank is a community system where a person who volunteers one hour of time helping someone else gains an hour time credit. They can use accrued time credits to receive help from someone else. The Greenbelt Time Bank was formed to develop a stronger sense of community through this system of offering and requesting work and services without exchanging money. We invite everyone who lives, works, plays in or visits Greenbelt to join the Greenbelt Time Bank.

Come to the training and orientation to learn the many advantages of using the time bank!

For further information, check the website GreenbeltTimeBank.org.

Send an email to greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com to indicate your interest in the training. Interested individuals may also sign up by calling 301-474-2646.

## Investment Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club, a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking new members. The club meets the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 8. For more information email jdea@hotmail.com.

## NARFE Meeting At Sir Walter Raleigh

The December Meeting of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122, North Prince George's County, will be the Christmas dinner held December 10 at noon. The meeting will be held at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn, 6323 Greenbelt Road. The speaker will be Evelyn Kirby, NARFE's Region 2 Vice President. Reservations are required. Call chapter treasurer Warren Wilcox at 301-345-7437 for reservation and information.

## At the Library

Chinese/English Preschool Storytime will be presented on Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people. This bilingual storytime includes children's stories, songs, rhymes and other activities in Chinese and English. Thursday, December 11: Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 people; Baby Laptime Storytime, 11:15 a.m., for ages birth to 12 months, limit 20 people; Baby Storytime, 12:15 p.m., for ages 12 to 24 months, limit 20 people.

The programs contain a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the information desk on the day of each storytime to pick up free tickets.

## GHI Notes

Thursday December 4, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting (Open Session), Board Room

Friday, December 5, OFFICE CLOSED. Emergency maintenance will be available.

Monday, December 8, 7 p.m., Marketing Committee meeting, GHI Lobby;

7:30 p.m., Member Outreach Committee meeting, Board Room

Tuesday, December 9, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee meeting, GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee meeting, Board Room

Thursday, December 11, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee meeting, Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, December 12, noon, OFFICE CLOSED (Employees' Holiday Party). Emergency maintenance will be available.

Saturday, December 13, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase orientation, Board Room

More Community Events  
can be found  
throughout the paper.

## Shop with a Cop Event on Dec. 13

The Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police's annual Shop with a Cop will take place Saturday, December 13 at Beltway Plaza. This program partners children in need with police officers, allowing children to purchase Christmas presents for themselves and family members. Each child is allotted a budget of \$100 and transported to a local store to make purchases, then to a present-wrapping party with pizza. Children are selected through nominations by their elementary school.

Funding for this program is provided by donations. For further information, contact Scott Kaiser at 240-542-2135 or Skaiser@greenbeltmd.gov.

## Santa Hosts Pancake Breakfast

There will be a "Breakfast With Santa" pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 6 at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, located at 6900 Greenbelt Road, from 8 to 11 a.m. There is a charge for adults. Children 12 and under eat free with a paying adult.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk, hot chocolate and orange juice. All profits from this event will be used for the many charitable projects with which the Greenbelt Lions Club is involved.

Come to the event to find out more about the Lions Club or call 301-474-8964 or 301-474-3766.

## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday  
10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women,  
men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

## Computer Club Meets

The next monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Computer Club will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m. in room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. All are welcome.

## GIVES Holiday Meeting Is Saturday

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its holiday meeting on Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m., in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114.

A short meeting will precede the holiday celebration. Members are invited to bring food or drink to share. Non-members are welcome as well.

For further information call 301-507-6580.

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## WEEK OF DEC. 5

### FRIDAY – SATURDAY

Interstellar, PG-13  
11:35, 3:10, 7:00  
Horrible Bosses, R\*  
11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35  
Penguins of Madagascar, PG (!!)\*  
11:10, 12:05, 1:35, 2:20, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20  
Hunger Games: "Mockingjay Pt. 1", PG-13 (!!)\*  
10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20  
Dumb and Dumber, PG-13 (!)  
11, 1:55, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05  
Beyond the Lights, PG-13  
11:25, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05  
Big Hero 6, PG  
11:15, 1:50, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45

### SUNDAY – WEDNESDAY

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Exodus, PG-13  
8:00  
Top Five, R  
8:00

## Greenbelt Arts Center THIS WEEKEND ONLY

### A (Comic) Christmas Carol

A guest production by The Renaissance Man

December 5-7  
Friday & Saturday at 8:00pm  
Sunday at 2:00pm

A marvelous way to spend a holiday evening, especially for those who have always enjoyed the classic tale and wondered what it might be like to step in Scrooge's shoes even if it is just for one performance.

Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission,  
\$16 Students/Seniors/Military,  
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

### COMING SOON

The Chromatics - Dec 13 & 14 - Holiday Concert  
Julius Caesar - Jan 9-11, 2015 - Guest Production from The Rude Mechanicals  
Tales of Terror: Poe's Birthday Bash - Jan. 16-18, 2015

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or  
email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)  
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## GUTTER CLEANING

Aerotech Gutter, DCG Cleaning, & Gilbert Construction are performing fall gutter cleaning and inspections. Inclement weather may affect the schedule but the workers plan on being in this approximate area the week beginning December 8.

**Hillside Courts 2-8; Ridge Courts 49-61;  
and Plateau Courts 1-12**

During that time, workers will be on ladders around buildings. Please close your window shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.



# Obituaries

## Mary Lindstrom Fondly Remembered

by Sandra A. Lange

Mary Lewis Marciliat Linstrom was the quintessential Greenbelt volunteer. Her outward persona was that of a soft-spoken, silver-haired southern lady. Her gentle demeanor masked a very strong and determined character. “For her many acts of charity and kindness, for helping others in time of need, for being a good neighbor and for countless small deeds which are unpublicized, but not unappreciated,” Mary Linstrom was named Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen in 1994. Her 95 years of life were celebrated at a service on November 17 at St. Hugh’s Catholic Church.

Mary was committed to making a difference in the lives of others. In 1980, she became a founding member of the St. Hugh’s Ladies of Charity Interfaith Eviction Relief Fund. She also helped establish the So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.) program within the Catholic community. She viewed herself as a volunteer social worker for the City of Greenbelt on behalf of homeless families for whom she coordinated housing assistance. It was said that when someone heard of a Greenbelt family in distress, their first thought was “Call Mary Linstrom.”

I knew Mary best when we worked together on establishing the Greenbelt Museum in 1987 as part of the city’s 50th anniversary celebration. She forcefully spoke out in favor of the city purchasing a house for a museum. Hers was the voice of calm reason when the rhetoric against the museum became heated. “Her presence gave credibility to the idea of establishing the museum,” stated her long-time friend Barbara Havekost.

Mary became a founding member of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) as momentum built to purchase 10-B Crescent Road. She claimed that a few people booed us when she and I rode in the museum car during the 1986 Labor Day Festival Parade. She always laughed when she retold the story over the years. Mary never said an unkind word against anyone, Barbara reflected.

Mary instructed her less-refined board members on the proper etiquette for serving refreshments at museum-sponsored events. She dismissed the idea of using paper or Styrofoam cups. She insisted that coffee and tea be served in china cups, even if she had to pay to rent them as well as haul them back and forth. Among museum board members,



The Greenbelt Museum celebrated its 20th anniversary in October 2007 with a special Chautauqua program. Speakers included former city manager Jim Giese, former FOGM board members Sandra Lange, Barbara Havekost, Mary Seis, Mary Linstrom and former museum curator, Katie Scott-Childress. – photo by Beverly Palau

she was legendary for bringing her silver sugar tongs used to pick up tiny sugar cubes nestled in the china bowl she supplied.

In addition to serving as FOGM president from 1987-1992, Mary undertook a variety of tasks from washing the curtains in the museum house to cataloging artifacts, important tasks prior to the hiring of a museum curator. She was very proud of her accomplishments with the Greenbelt Museum which she called “a permanent benefit to the community.” Former museum board president Lee Shields commented that Mary was a great referee at museum board meetings, as she worked to build consensus. “Mary understood better than most that everyone had something to offer,” he commented.

In 2003, the Greenbelt Museum received a Special Initiative for Local History Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The Greenbelt Museum supporters had to raise \$100 thousand over a three-year period, and NEH would match it dollar for dollar. The purpose of the grant was to establish an endowment

fund to pay the salary of an education/volunteer coordinator for the museum. Mary Linstrom joined Julia Eichhorst to co-chair the committee charged with the ambitious task of raising what seemed to many an astronomical amount. Mary and Julia were successful. Mary proved that a gentle lady could effectively persuade others in this “Big Ask” campaign.

Over the years, Mary received numerous awards. In 1992, she was recognized by the Greenbelt Lions Club for

her “unselfish, dedicated work ... helping others less fortunate and needy.” In 1993, she was nominated for Prince Georgian of the Year for her outstanding contributions to the quality of life in Greenbelt. In 2004, she was one of 10 honorees to receive an award from the Prince George’s Volunteer Center at its Affair of the Heart dinner and celebration. She was cited for her volunteer work in the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association where she helped provide food, clothing, temporary housing and other emergency assistance to needy families.

Whatever volunteer job Mary Linstrom undertook in the past four decades, she did with thoroughness, gentle persuasion and humor. She was beloved by all who were fortunate to know her as a friend as well as a kind, thoughtful and generous human being.

Sandra A. Lange chaired the city of Greenbelt’s 50th Anniversary Committee and served with Mary Linstrom on the Museum Subcommittee which later became the foundation for forming the nonprofit Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

### Douglas Sturm

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Douglas Sturm will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 6 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Douglas was born June 18, 1959, and lived the last 15 years of his life in Greenbelt. He died peacefully in his home on November 8, 2014. Family and friends were with him. Those who knew Douglas are welcome to join the celebration of his life.

### Community Church Holiday Concert

A concert of both traditional Christmas and secular music will be held at Greenbelt Community Church on Saturday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Accompanied on piano by Dr. Nicolas Catravas, Greenbelt residents Rachel Alexander, a violist, and Richard Menis, a vocalist, will perform a mix of solo and ensemble works including R. Vaughan Williams’ Suite for Viola and Piano as well as songs from Schubert, Franck and Tosti.

Alexander has a performance degree from the Eastman School of Music and currently teaches strings at the Benjamin Foulois Creative Performing Arts Academy in the Prince George’s County school system.

Catravas has a DMA in Piano Performance from the Eastman School of Music in addition to a degree in Vocal Accompanying from the Catholic University of America, where he is the principal accompanist.


Menis has studied voice extensively at the Catholic University of America and has performed as soloist with several opera groups and music festivals, including some in Italy.

A free-will offering will be accepted.

### College Park Museum Flies Santa In on Sat.

A Santa fly-in will take place on Saturday, December 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Watch Santa fly into the historic College Park Airport and then have a picture taken with him. Holiday arts and crafts will also be offered throughout the museum. Santa will arrive at 12:30 p.m. This event is free with museum admission.

For more information, call 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544.



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Glennycie Grindstaff, Pastor






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# Obituaries

## Leah Warner

Leah Hester Gary Warner, 90, a resident of Boxwood, died November 24, 2014. She was born September 13, 1924, to William Odra and Margaret Alice Jones Gary in Welchs Creek, Ky. She was a 1941 graduate of Butler County High School. After graduating from the Andrew Jackson Business School in Nashville, Tenn., she worked for the Butler County clerk's office until joining the Cade Nurse Corp in 1944. She moved to Lexington for training, graduating as a registered nurse in 1947.

In 1949 she married a physics graduate student, Jacob LaRue Warner. She continued nursing in Lexington until they moved to Washington, D.C. Soon after, she began nursing at Mt. Alto VA Hospital and then at Warwick Cancer Clinic.

She retired from nursing in 1953 to stay home and raise her family and in early 1955 moved to Greenbelt, living first in GHI and then, from 1965, in the new Boxwood Village subdivision.

Mrs. Warner was heavily involved in the Group Against Smokers Pollution (GASP) and the National Amateur Press Association and was a long-standing member of the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. She was also a member of Greenbelt Community Church and worked as a volunteer secretary.

Mrs. Warner was predeceased by her parents and a brother, William Odra Gary, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Jacob; one daughter; Helen German of Greenbelt, a son, David (Melody) Warner of Bowie; granddaughter Alice (Marc) Brosey of Knoxville, Tenn.; and one great-grandson, Elijah Brosey, also of Knoxville. She is survived by two sisters, Anita Mills and Nancy Swift, both of Louisville, Ky., and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Hospice of the Chesapeake, 90 Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena, MD 21122 or the American Indian Education Foundation, P.O. Box 27491, Albuquerque, NM 87125.



Condolences to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter John "Rock" McBride, who died November 26, 2014. Sympathy especially to his wife Linda and their children and his sister Mary Ellen.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Leah Warner, longtime Boxwood resident. Condolences to her husband and family.

Sympathy to Linda Levine and her brother Farrell Levine of Ridge Road on the death of their mother, former Greenbelter Marjorie Levine. Mrs. Levine died in Ellicott City, Md. on November 12, 2014, at the age of 94.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Jo Nichols of Southway, 77, on November 27, 2014. Condolences to her husband John and other family and friends.

To send information for Our Neighbors, email us at [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, December 8, 2014- 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Let's Move Cities and Towns Award
- Smart Energy Communities Award

#### Petitions and Requests

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

#### Administrative Reports

#### Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2014-1 (Substitution of CMA for Rock Salt in Deicing of Roads, Use of Pickup Trucks)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Installation of Kalwall Roof System over the Indoor Pool Area at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Structures Unlimited, Inc. at a Cost not to Exceed \$570,000
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Memorandum of Understanding – Electric Vehicle Charging Station in City Right-of-Way
- Old Greenbelt Middle School Classrooms
- Council Reports
- \* Appointment to Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 8-12

Monday, December 8 at 6:30pm, **YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103.

Monday, December 8 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv)

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm, **LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

Wednesday, December 10 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center. On the agenda: Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2014 and November 19, 2014, APB Economic Development Study Proposal, and Update on Various Planning Projects

**All meetings listed are open to the public. This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

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## LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 3, 2014 until January 16, 2015. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles. **Info: 301-474-8004**

**December 8-12:** Boxwood

**December 15-19:** Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates

**December 22-26:** Lakeside, Greenspring I & II  
December 25 & 26 Holiday

**December 29-January 2:** Lakeside, Windsor Green  
January 1 Holiday

**January 5 - 9:** All areas

**January 12-16:** All areas

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Youth Advisory Committee  
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## WANTED: WELCOME PACKET MATERIALS!

The City of Greenbelt will be compiling Welcome Packets for new residents in January. Local businesses, groups, organizations are encouraged to provide materials to include in these packets. Flyers, coupons, promotional items, etc. Please provide 300 of what you would like to include to the city office, attention Beverly Palau, at 25 Crescent Road by Friday, January 16th. If you have any questions, please contact [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov) or at 240-542-2026.



**THIS WEEKEND AT THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Tree Lighting 12/5 at 7pm Community Center and Deck the Halls Museum  
Open House 10-B from 7-9pm  
Art and Craft Fair 12/6 from 10-5 and 12/7 from 10-4 at Community Center  
Pancake Breakfast 12/6 from 8-11am at American Legion  
Farmer's Market Holiday Market, 12/7 from 10-2 at Roosevelt Center  
Greenbelt East Tree Lighting, 12/7 at 6pm at Greenbriar Community Bldg.

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## Juried Art and Craft Fair

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**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am-5pm**

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-4pm**

Sunday Schedule: 1pm - 3pm: Free Monoprint Workshop with Kathy Karlson, Artist in Residence; 1pm - 4pm: GAVA/GATE Youth Animation Open House; 1pm - 5pm: Tour the Greenbelt Museum Historic House, decorated for the holidays (\$3, 10- B Crescent Road); 1:30 – 3:30pm: The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Dixieland Band will perform in the CC gym. During all Fair Hours: Greenbelt Arts Center benefit café, Artists in Residence studio open house and sale.

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Mayor Emmett Jordan presented a proclamation recognizing “Small Businesses in Greenbelt” to Gwen Vaccaro, representing the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation. She and members of council used the opportunity to urge Greenbelt citizens to patronize the small businesses at the Roosevelt Center and in other commercial areas of Greenbelt.

Councilmember Judith Davis used the opportunity to request citizen support for the proposed Market Fairness Act legislation which would help level the playing field by requiring on-line/internet merchandisers to include local and state sales taxes for internet purchases of goods.

**Legislation**

The one item of legislation on the agenda was a proposed resolution that would authorize the negotiated purchase for the installation of a Kalwall Roof System over the Indoor Pool area at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center from Structures Unlimited, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$570,000. The existing Kalwall roof is 23 years old and is showing signs of deterioration, having exceeded the average life of 15 to 20 years. Structures Unlimited has submitted a proposal to replace the existing roof with a new one that is twice as energy efficient and will allow more natural light into the facility with additional energy savings.

If the project is approved, it is expected that the indoor pool would be closed approximately

four to six weeks while the work is underway. City staff is proposing to have the work straddle the date for opening of the outdoor pool in the spring to minimize the impact of closing the indoor facility.

The city has budgeted \$650,000 in the Building Capital Reserve Fund to complete the roof replacement. Also the project could be funded with Maryland State Program Open Space (POS) with 75 percent of the funds coming from POS and 25 percent coming from the city. While Leta Mach introduced the resolution for first reading, city staff indicated that a worksession has been scheduled for December 3, so staff could brief council and respond to questions regarding the proposed project. Following the introduction, Roberts indicated that he would not support the use of POS funds for the roof project as he prefers that POS funds be used for public open space acquisitions.

**Petitions**

While there were three petitions already included on the meeting agenda, two additional petitions were presented during the “petitions” portion of the agenda. The first was presented by Brian Ulmquist relating to the proposed rewriting of the Forest Preserve management and maintenance guidelines, and he further indicated concerns with, “irregularities” at the city’s animal shelter where he volunteers his service. He indicated to council that the irregularities were orchestrated by city staff. He did not indicate the

specific nature of the “irregularities.” Since the Forest Preserve guidelines were already on the council agenda, they did not respond to Mr. Ulmquist regarding that topic. Also, as is custom, council did not discuss his issues raised regarding the city’s animal shelter operations.

A petition regarding reporting crime and special procedures for child pornography offenses was made to council in October of 2012 by John Abell. He requested the city adopt new policies for dealing with incidents of child pornography, based upon his concern with delays by the city in releasing information regarding a case where a library employee had pled guilty to charges that he had child pornography on his computer. Council held a worksession on the petition on June 16. Based on discussion at that worksession, City Manager Michael McLaughlin prepared a memo to council outlining several recommendations.

Greenbelt Police Captain Thomas Kemp outlined three areas in that memo that council could support to address the Abell petition:

1. A proposed modified policy (General Order) regarding the release of information dealing with child pornography-related offenses is recommended. This change would occur in the Weekly Crime Report Guidelines where child pornography offenses will be reported to the media under certain conditions, namely, as long as the identity of victims and/or wit-

nesses is not compromised. Upon a finding of guilt, a followup press release will be issued.

2. The Greenbelt Cares staff will research a training program offered by the Darkness to Light Organization that would help raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults regarding recognition, prevention and how to react responsibly in those cases. Council discussion on this item led to agreement that the program be first offered to city employees who come into contact with Greenbelt youth and follow-up with sessions available to the public. In addition, Abell, who was present at the meeting, recommended that the city contact a representative of the Maryland State Police Task Force regarding Greenbelt Police training that might be available.

3. The third recommendation was to develop a city policy on handling a situation where a city employee is accused/found guilty of child sexual abuse. While the city staff could not find such a policy among other regional jurisdictions, there was some general policy regarding offenses of “moral turpitude.” However, a specific policy was prepared that would be more specific regarding sexual abuse and child pornography offenses and would result in suspension if reported and termination if found guilty of such offenses.

Councilmember Silke Pope requested that the suggested policy language be added to Recommendation No. 3 and Davis moved ap-

proval of the three policy changes and they were approved unanimously. Abell expressed his appreciation for their consideration of his petition.

**Cell Phones, Etc.**

Greenbelt resident Theodora Scarato petitioned council to issue a city proclamation regarding the dangers of cell phones and other wireless devices, especially for young children. McLaughlin explained that the issuance of proclamations is not the approach that Greenbelt employs. Rather, the approach used is to communicate issues raised by its citizens to appropriate county, state or federal agencies expressing concerns about or advocacy for a particular issue. In that vein, a draft letter to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was prepared for council consideration. The draft letter would encourage the FCC to adopt radiation standards that will protect children’s health and safety, reflect current use patterns and provide meaningful disclosure of warnings to consumers.

Scarato provided additional technical information relating to the topic and urged council to communicate its concerns to appropriate federal agencies. It was also noted that the Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for setting standards for such exposures. Putens moved approval of the proposed letter to the FCC chairman and the motion was approved unanimously.

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Mayor Emmett Jordan, John Henry Jones and Councilmember Judith Davis attend the installation ceremony for Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker.

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**Cell Phone Towers**  
Another petition submitted by Scarato at the October 27 council meeting is related to the issue of the Prince George's County Board of Education considering an agreement with Milestone Communications, a Reston, Va., firm that partners with schools and other government agencies to build cell phone towers on their public property to raise revenue. According to news reports, McLaughlin indicated that over 70 Prince George's schools have been identified as potential sites, including Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy.

Council discussion raised concerns that communities will have less ability to influence the location of cell towers and that the usual "special exception" safeguards were taken away for such agreements and that the process for such approvals was less transparent than it should be.

Putens made a motion to send a letter to the Prince George's County School Board expressing the need for greater transparency and requesting any plans for cell tower construction on any Greenbelt school properties. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Greenbelt Theater**  
In her recent emails to council and the city manager, Caitlin McGrath of the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater (FOGT) has proposed the addition of a second 35 mm projector to be installed in the theater projection booth that would provide greater flex-

ibility for projecting 35 mm films and obviate the need for splicing. In her email to McLaughlin, McGrath estimates a cost of \$10 thousand to get the largest, essential part of the equipment into the booth before the opportunity closes when the portals to the renovated projection booth are sealed and finished. She believes any smaller parts or items can be brought into the booth via the existing spiral staircase. The city manager and the projection booth equipment contractor have a different perspective on the timing and the cost of the dual 35 mm projector cost estimates. The contractor believes the two projectors have to be installed prior to the closing of the portal wall. Otherwise, he is concerned that any later entry through the wall could create a dust situation that could shorten the overall life of the new digital projection system. In addition, the city's contractual arrangement with Cardinal Sound and Motion Picture Systems, Inc. does not include the cost of the second projector.

Council was split on the issues. Mach moved that council support the FOGT proposal for the first phase with the \$10,000 cost. A decision on the second phase can be made after a decision is made on a theater operator. The motion carried 5 to 2 with Roberts and Pope voting no because more information is needed.

The deadline for submission of proposals for the operation of the renovated theater is December 2. It is likely that council will schedule a worksession to evaluate any proposals received and that exercise may help to arrive at a satisfactory solution to the dual 35 mm projector issues.

Earlier in the meeting, in response to a request from Jordan, the city manager indicated that work was continuing on the renovation, mainly in the lobby/concession area and the new ladies restroom. He agreed to provide council with more frequent updates (every two weeks) and said the only exterior work remaining is the completion of the Pepco rewiring. (To be continued . . . )

Wine Tastings, Demos, Patron Day at Co-op

There are wine tastings on December 5 and 12, 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a sample and save 5 percent on tasting wines. This month's Healthy Happy Hour is on December 11, 4 to 7 p.m. and will feature ginger. Enjoy a masala chai tea and gluten-free ginger snaps from Midel.

Patron Appreciation Day and the Seasonal & Savory Food Demo & Wine Tasting is on December 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Co-op staff will serve up a kale, carrot and apple salad along with souffles from

Garden Lites. Visit [greenbelt.coop](http://greenbelt.coop) for holiday hours and events.

Arts Exchange Offers Free Nutcracker Sun.

The College Park Arts Exchange presents a free performance of the Nutcracker Ballet on Sunday, December 7. A general admission performance created for young children and their families will be featured at 3 p.m. At 4 p.m. there will be an autism-friendly performance, with dimmed lighting and softer music.



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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Fraud

November 21, 3:44 p.m., Parkway Road. When a man called to open a new cell phone account, he learned that his social security number had been fraudulently used with the same vendor and the account was now in collections.

### Theft

November 20, 4:48 p.m., 6100 block Greenbelt Road. A 12-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged on a juvenile petition with theft under \$1,000. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

November 20, 5:30 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. An unattended wallet was taken from a store shelf.

November 22, 2:34 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. A 36-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft under \$1,000 after he could not pay his cab fare from a local airport to the Greenbelt area. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 23, 7619 Greenbelt Road. A woman reported that while pumping gas, the purse she had left on the front passenger seat was stolen. She noticed the driver's side door was ajar when she returned to the car to leave.

November 23, 11:48 p.m., 6460 Capitol Drive. A man and two women left TGI Friday's without paying their bill after one of the women was asked to leave. They drove away in a black sedan.

November 24, 12:42 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 50-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft after leaving a store with a cart containing household cleaning products. He attempted to flee on foot but was detained, after which he was banned from Beltway Plaza Mall by security staff.

### Burglary

November 25, 9:18 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane. Office equipment was taken.

### Vandalism

November 24, 11:54 a.m., 15 Crescent Road. The lock/handle to the shed at the Greenbelt Nursery School playground and a small lattice fence were broken.

### Vehicle Crime

A black 2003 GM Jeep sport utility vehicle, Md. tags 4AE6444, was stolen, from the 6200 block Springhill Court.

Two attempted vehicle thefts were reported. In the 9100 block Springhill Lane the driver side door lock was removed but no items were taken. In the 9100 Springhill Lane the ignition of a vehicle was removed.

One stolen vehicle was recovered. A 2009 Chevy Malibu reported stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Road was recovered

## Police Report Shooting

A shooting occurred in the 7800 block Mandan Road on November 25 at 7:26 p.m., according to Greenbelt Police.

An adult man with multiple gunshot wounds was found lying in the parking lot and was transported to Prince George's General Hospital. His condition is unknown at this time, however, initial reports indicate that his injuries did not appear to be life-threatening.

The motive for the shooting may have been related to a robbery. Initial reports indicate at least two men were involved. They are described as being in their early 20s with each approximately 5'10" tall, weighing 180 pounds and wearing jeans and dark jackets.

At least one man was armed with a handgun. The investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 240-542-2133.

in burned condition by Montgomery County police.

License plate tags were taken from the 6600 block Lake Park Drive (Md. LEF208) and 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (Md. 4BP2185).

In the 6200 block Springhill Court registration validation stickers were removed from the tag of a vehicle.

Other thefts occurred at Mandan Road near Hanover Parkway (fishing equipment), Eastway (currency) and 9100 block Springhill Lane (purse).

In the 7600 block Mandan Road a radio console and stereo subwoofer were taken after a rear window was shattered and the passenger door handle damaged.

Two reports of vandalism were received. In the 9100 block Edmonston Court the rear driver side passenger window was broken. In the 6000 block Greenbelt Road a vehicle parked in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza Mall was found to have damage to the rear window, rear lift gate and left quarter panel.

# Three More Honored Citizens Were Added to Wall of Fame

by Karen Tang

On Monday, November 10, Beltway Plaza Mall held an induction ceremony into the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame for three honored citizens who have contributed to the betterment of the community. "We value this wall of fame as a great example," said Marc "Kap" Kapastin, general counsel of Quantum Companies.

The event this year honored Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez and Prince George's County Council Member Will Campos. A posthumous award was also presented to Michael Repole of Three Brothers Restaurants.

Ramirez has worked on reducing domestic violence, crime, gang activity and liquor licenses within the community. "When you start doing things in the community, you don't think about your name or face being recognized ... but I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," Ramirez, of Annapolis, said.

Campos has focused on improving the education system, enhancing the community's public safety measures to keep residents safe, maintaining robust code enforcement to keep neighborhoods clean and pleasant and attracting smart economic development to increase the tax base and bring jobs to the county.

"I have loved this community for a long time," Campos, a resident of Hyattsville, said. "Giving back to the community is the least we should do."

### Posthumous Honor

Michael Repole was the partner and founder of Three Brothers Restaurant. Repole died May 24, 2014. Three Brothers began as a small pizzeria in Beltway Plaza and has grown to a thriving Italian restaurant business with locations throughout Maryland. An emotional tribute was given in Repole's memory.

"I never thought I would be in front of you talking about my brother. He was the leader," said Mario Repole, president of distribution and purchasing for Three Brothers Restaurant.

City councilmembers, merchants, friends and family members of the honorees attended the event.

"We are privileged to honor these heroes," said Kapastin.

Karen Tang is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.



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Marc "Kap" Kapastin introduces the honorees – Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez, County Councilmember Will Campos and Michael Repole of Three Brothers Restaurants (posthumous) – into the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame.

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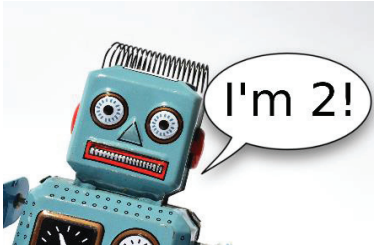
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# SAYLES

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school, college, when you go to the grocery store. I want them to recognize that what we're doing is going to help them later," she says.

She likes to use real world examples from the newspapers and similar subjects to help drive this point home for her students.

Her students have taken a particular liking to science themselves where she tries to emphasize the importance of science to the children as a future career by turning their science lessons and experiments in a more fun, creative direction.

Sayles is the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair Coordinator for Turning Point Academy and also is Turning Point Academy's organizer of its first Homework Club.

Rhonda Clomax, Turning Point's principal, praised Sayles and her fellow teacher Jennifer Mitchem. (See companion story.) "Ms. Mitchem and Ms. Sayles – there is nothing you can ask them to do that they won't do. They're team players who care about the kids. They'll do anything and everything for the kids. There is nothing that we say, 'we need you to do this' and it's like you have to point them. They just say, 'OK, I'll do that' and they take on the task. Sometimes they'll take on the task all by themselves to do stuff for the whole school. They're awesome."

Sayles says that the greatest challenge in teaching is simply making time for it all.

"My job does not stop at 3 o'clock. Sometimes I'm here to 8 and I have kids of my own at home. So trying to fit in everything I want to do with them can be challenging," she says.

Sayles has taught at Turning Point Academy for four years and was educated in elementary education at Bowie State University.

She lives in Silver Spring.

*Charlie Hansler is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

# Doctors Hospital Earns Recognition

Doctors Community Hospital has been recognized as a 2013 Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of healthcare organizations in the United States. The hospital was recognized as part of The Joint Commission's 2014 annual report "America's Hospitals: Improving Quality and Safety" for attaining and sustaining excellence in accountability measure performance for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care. It is one of 1,224 hospitals in the United States to achieve the 2013 Top Performer distinction.

This is the second year Doctors Community Hospital has been recognized as a Top Performer. The hospital is one of only 712 to achieve the distinction for the past two consecutive years.

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# MITCHEM

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above the benchmarks I set.' So I instill in them the sense that this is a team effort and that we've got to do it together. I like to see the growth, the change in them," Mitchem said.

Measuring her students' progress through online data is something Mitchem picked up in her days of teaching in Baltimore and later introduced to her own curriculum at Turning Point Academy.

Later the school administration passed Mitchem's data tracking methods on to the whole teaching body. She said her students respond best when they are offered rewards for getting desired results.

The most important thing to keep in mind while teaching Mitchem said is the ability to be flexible with the needs of each child. "I definitely think teachers have to be flexible. You're not going to come into the classroom every day expecting that it's going to be a script you can follow .... I've got to move to where my kids are," she said.

Mitchem completed her undergraduate schooling at University of Maryland Baltimore County and her master's in education at Trinity University.

*Charlie Hansler is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism writing for the News Review.*

# Free Nutcracker Ballet at UMD

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# Greenbelt Pioneers Are Under 14 Soccer Champs

by Josh Hamlin

Under gray skies and in a raw chill, the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA) Pioneers U14 boys team defeated the previously unbeaten Catonsville Cobras 1 to 0 on Saturday November 1 in Catonsville. Jorge Rodriguez scored the game’s only goal early in the second half, and the Pioneers withstood the Cobras’ relentless pressure to secure their seventh win of the season. With the win, the Pioneers finished an unbeaten fall campaign with the best record in the Baltimore Beltway Soccer League (BBSL) U14-B division at 7-0-1.

BBSL has A and B divisions in the U14 age group, with 16 teams, divided into Blue and Red groups, making up the B division. The Pioneers topped the Blue group, going 6-0-1 in group play, with one game scheduled against a Red group opponent, the Catonsville Cobras. The Cobras sat atop the group with an unblemished 6-0-0 record, and a game in hand. “It was really just luck in scheduling that we got to play the only team with a better record, and on our last game of the season, since the BBSL does not have playoffs,” said Pioneers Team Manager Neil McFarb. A lot was at stake for the Pioneers: a loss would have likely dropped them to third place, behind the Cobras and Central Carroll United White, who finished their Blue group season unbeaten with two draws.

This was the Pioneers’ second year (third season) in the

BBSL, a travel league with teams throughout Maryland. This season alone, the Pioneers traveled as far west as Hagerstown and as far east as Centreville on the Eastern Shore. Success was not immediate for the GSA team, as the team finished the two previous BBSL seasons with a 1-6-1 record each time. When they started BBSL play, none of the players had played in a travel league; the transition challenged both players and parents. “I guess we could call last year a building year. We had a core group of players that worked hard and stuck with it throughout, and although our spring record doesn’t show it, we improved throughout the year,” said McFarb. The addition of some strong players from Berwyn Heights, Cheverly and Greenbelt helped the Pioneers get over the hump, helping them be more competitive this fall.

Next spring, the Pioneers will move up to the more competitive U14 A division, and as head coach Fabrice Mukoko says, “We still have a long way to go.” In the interim, the team will play a postseason tournament later this month, and will play indoor soccer this winter.

Parents, players and coaches wanting to find out more about travel soccer, forming teams or getting on an existing team may learn about the Pioneers and all of the GSA’s programs at greenbeltsoccer.org.



Front Row, left to right: Coach Fabrice Mukoko, Edwin Sorto, Brandon Kruah, Liam McConlogue, Ezekial Ayiola, Grant Commodore, Joshua Bertiz. Middle Row: Yohance Bishop, Giris Robinson, Kevin Rodriguez, Jared Hamlin, Keven Celis, Team Manager Neil McFarb, Assistant Coach Anthony Ayiola, Back Row: Carlos Barahona, John Bertiz, Nicholas Edmund, Denali Morgan, Mu’min Odeh, Jorge Rodriguez.

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year. She said their expectation was that they would be down from 2012 and 2013 levels. Speculating on the reasons, she said it was possible that some people thought the carnival held at Beltway Plaza the weekend before was replacing the Labor Day Festival this year; at the same time, it was true that with the economy somewhat improved and gas prices down, people were traveling more on holidays than had been the case in recent years.

Ivy said the weekend passed with few problems or complaints. As a result, a three-year contract has been signed with Sherwood. Ivy said the only real complaint had been regarding the sale of wristbands on Saturday, which had been cut off promptly at the stated time of 4 p.m. rather than permitting those in line by 4 p.m. to purchase. Roger Sherwood did not know that was how it was usually done at the Greenbelt festival. There was no problem after that, Ivy said, and Sherwood addressed any complaints or problems promptly.

Councilmember Silke Pope said she had heard of no complaints other than the wrist band snafu.

Councilmember Leta Mach said that in talking with some of the Sherwood employees, she had been impressed with their questions and interest in Greenbelt and thought they would become invested in the community. Ivy agreed and said a strength of Sherwood is that only about 15 percent of the employees are hired locally to work an event. The others are long-term employees. This stability is a good indicator about a company, she said, and it was one of the reasons the committee chose Sherwood.

A question was raised about the presence of the trailers visibly located at the Community Center parking lot. Ivy explained that Sherwood's employees stayed all night and slept on-site. In contrast, unbeknownst to her until this year, Rosedale employees had been sleeping on the rides, in nearby apartment building staircases and elsewhere. So the "trailer park" was an improvement. She said another remarkable difference, which impressed the city's Public Works Department, was that Sherwood cleaned up all of its own trash.

Councilmember Edward Putens commented on how good the carnival workers were at working with children. Ivy agreed enthusiastically, noting the pride that Roger Sherwood, who is himself an engineer, takes in the rides. She recounted that he says his grandchildren ride those rides every day, which sets the bar for the safety and cleanliness of the equipment and the experience of the children riding them.

Asked about the county inspections, Ivy said those went well, too. Overall, she said, "This was the easiest festival I've ever had." City Manager Michael McLaughlin added that the Recreation, Police and Public Works Departments all thought the festival had gone well and that the transition was an easy one.

Noise Levels

Ivy said they had made a real effort to contain noise this year and had no complaints from those who have complained in the past. The only complaint she received was from a new resident. This year the festival also made ear plugs available, which some peo-

ple took advantage of.

Kelly Ivy added that they spent about \$500 this year to add speakers so they could split the sound, which he thought had helped a great deal, since they could get the same effect in different locations without having to raise the volume so high in one place. This year, they also moved the seating and the crowd farther back from the stage.

Fewer Booths?

Addressing concerns that there were fewer booths and eating concessions than in prior years, Davina Johnson stated booths run by community groups were primarily the ones that were lost, noting Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Mishkan Torah as two of them. She said the Boy Scouts could not find enough volunteers this year and tried unsuccessfully to find a vendor. Ivy said the other side of this coin was that those booths who did participate did very well and raised more money than usual. She said she thought that having only one row of booths might actually be preferable.

Mach asked about Information Day, where local organizations have information booths in Roosevelt Center on Saturday. She said she had been told of one organization that might participate only in Information Day next year as a better marketing tool for them than a booth at the carnival. Mach said Information Day appeared to be very successful and she wondered if it might be taking away from the booths. Ivy said that may be the case but, if so, she thinks it's all right. She said having a four-day booth at the festival is a very big commitment and that for organizations who are sharing information rather than fundraising, Information Day may be the best alternative.

Fewer Volunteers

Giving examples of organizations he has worked with, Kelly Ivy added that many of the volunteers with the organizations are older and cannot do as much as they used to, while younger people are not coming up to take their places. In addition, over the years there have been organizations who came once but found being in the parking lot for four days in the heat to be too difficult and never returned.

Ivy said the festival had begun to allow organizations to contract with vendors to provide some or all of the work at a booth as a way to alleviate the burden on volunteers. She said this is fine as long as the organization assumes responsibility for the vendor—being sure all the paperwork is in and checking on the work at the booth. Councilmembers commented that it would be helpful if groups provided more prominent identification of the organization sponsoring the booth for the benefit of festival-goers.

Contribution Groups?

Ivy asked why the city council could not prevail upon its contribution groups, which receive funding from the city budget, to participate in city activities by contributing back some volunteer time to city events. She thought at a minimum those groups should all be represented at Information Day. Youth groups should also be at Information Day, she added. Putens agreed, saying it's important for kids to be learning to volunteer and to contribute. He said how to handle it would need to be thought out, however, since

the contribution groups are already providing community volunteer service that in some cases the city would have to pick up if volunteers were not doing so.

As another way to alleviate volunteer burnout, Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested that groups with shared interests could lighten the load by sharing a booth. Johnson said they were quite open to that and there was precedent for it, but it would have to come from the organizations themselves.

Ivy also acknowledged the other activities conducted by community volunteers, citing the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA book sale as an especially big one that functions as a booth. She also mentioned that this year's craft festival was the largest they have ever had.

Wish List Items

Kelly Ivy reported that some A-frame signs had been lost since last year and, if not located, would cost about \$2,000 to replace.

Pope encouraged having shuttle service to Springhill Lake, including the South Core as it becomes populated. Ivy replied that the south side of Greenbelt East also should be included. The problem, she said, is that there are already complaints about the length of time it takes the shuttle to circu-

late. She thought hiring a bus to take care of the currently unserved locations might be the best way to handle it.

Kelly Ivy gave council a heads-up that the GLDF committee would be making a request to the city to consider providing partial funding to purchase a stage. He said it now casts \$5,000 to rent. The purchase price would be \$85 thousand with grant funding of \$50 thousand supposedly available to assist. He added that the city could not only use it for other events but could also rent it out.

The city council's personal wish list included an awning for

the reviewing stand, which becomes extremely hot over the duration of the parade, and at least a few parking spaces for meetings the Monday night before Labor Day. The city council usually meets Monday and Wednesday nights. Rosedale came in on Tuesday, so there was only one night when the council, city staff and the public had a problem getting to a meeting. Sherwood arrived on Monday this year. Council asked if the carnival's arrival could be returned to Tuesday next year or if, at a minimum, some nearby parking could be reserved for at least the council.



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